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# REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen of the town of Hinsdale submit the following Report for the year ending February 28, 1881:

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1880,	\$1654 51
Savings bank tax, 1880,	941 77
Literary fund,	126 17
Railroad tax,	24 36
Town hall,	229 00
Rent of stores in town hall,	381 46
For old town hall,	75 00
“ support of county paupers,	177 41
“ license billiard tables,	20 00
Amount of taxes committed to E. H. Wellington, collector,	16,307 71
Interest on taxes,	67 44
For bridge fines,	3 00
From library for catalogues and fines,	19 10
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	\$20,026 93

## EXPENDITURES.

Deposited savings bank tax,	\$777 75
Paid for books, ink, &c., 1879,	8 74
“ Noyes Robertson for sheep killed,	5 00
“ Printing Town Reports, 1879,	35 00
“ Baptist church ministerial fund,	24 00
“ Oil for town hall,	23 36



Paid Retaining fee,	6 00
“ Wood for town hall,	26 08
“ E. S. Perham, attendance with hearse,	22 90
“ Janette Bascom for damage,	112 50
“ Repairing roof town Hall,	2 50
“ Coal for hall,	39 18
“ H. B. Streeter, watering trough,	3 00
“ Painting sign on bridge,	1 50
“ Lamps for hall,	3 05
“ Painting and oiling doors of hall,	9 99
“ Henry Barrett, watering trough,	3 00
“ J. H. Henry, work in hall,	10 00
“ Elevator blocks, &c., Howe's store,	41 17
“ A. Gilbert, work in hall,	9 00
“ H. Jewell, surveyor,	3 00
“ A. G. Sargent, highway tax,	6 00
“ Cleaning snow from bridge roof,	4 00
“ Ladder for stage in hall,	1 00
“ Iron and labor on chimneys,	4 00
“ S. T. Crowninshield, water trough,	3 00
“ D. W. Stearns, water trough,	3 00
“ A. Gilbert, work, &c., hall,	4 50
“ Snowing bridges,	10 00
“ Use ground lockup,	3 00
“ Painting screen doors in hall,	2 00
“ Care of hall,	100 00
“ Cleaning and sawing wood,	1 75
“ Steps for hall use,	1 50
“ County tax,	1262 91
“ State tax,	1920 00
“ Interest on bonds,	1200 00
“ brass butts,	2 10
“ L. A. Lamson, oil, nails, screen cloth, &c.,	9 99
“ Ansel Dickinson, flooring, &c., basement,	55 94
“ Job, basement town house,	132 15
“ Expenses to Keene, &c.,	6 25
“ Charles Shepardson, damage,	3 00

Paid L. O. Gunn, sheep killed,	40 00
“ L. A. Parks, posts,	4 50
“ Work on screen doors,	1 75
“ Books for town clerk,	23 00
“ G. W. Holland, nails, books, &c.,	5 92
“ L. H. Knapp, work and material,	3 57
“ Discount on taxes, 1880,	461 90
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	\$6443 45

## PAID SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1, H. F. Horton,	\$193 70
“ “ 2, O. B. Tyler,	72 45
“ “ 3, E. G. Horton,	113 32
“ “ 6, H. H. Day,	3 50
“ “ 7, J. E. Martin,	73 59
“ “ 9, Mrs. G. P. Slate,	197 23
“ “ 3, N. Howe, account building,	350 00
“ “ 8, H. M. Jones, account repairs,	100 00
Union District, account building,	1853 85
“ “ and District No. 8, (united),	1698 71
“ “ balance last year,	104 34
“ “ and District No. 8, balance last year,	2 30
High School, C. S. Fay,	1300 00
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	\$6062 99

## PAID FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES.

Paid James B. Thomas, work 1879,	\$24 21
“ C. E. Barrett, work 1879,	13 27
“ Dennis Mahoney, labor,	24 74
“ John Corliss, labor,	95 04
“ Arad Gilbert, work repairing, &c., depot bridge,	17 00
“ John Thomas, labor, &c.,	70 87
“ F. B. Chandler, labor and team,	125 14
“ Norman Howe, “ “ “	180 12
“ J. E. Martin, “ “ “	72 90
“ Two Frenchmen, work,	5 75
“ R. G. Gilmore, work,	5 87



Paid B. Clark, tile and cement,	23 93
" A. G. Sargent, plank and posts,	2 60
" E. Carroll, labor,	3 12
" F. B. Chandler, repairing ditch, &c., near water- ing trough,	8 48
" Ansel Dickinson, for plank for rails and bridges,	86 55
" George M. Wright, work,	22 12
" L. A. Lamson, tile,	79 60
" D. W. Stearns, work, railing, &c.,	12 60
" Road scrapers,	50 00
" E. G. Horton, rails,	5 40
" S. E. Liscom, plank,	7 66
" Charles Frary, work on road,	3 00
" P. W. Taylor, clay,	3 00
" " " work and team,	23 76
" W. A. Thomas, breaking roads,	5 00
" C. H. Cooper, " "	4 85
" A. T. Doolittle, work,	42 18
" Franklin Thomas, breaking and repairing road,	5 00
" D. W. Stearns, for timber for bridge near J. Doolittle's,	37 54
" D. W. Stearns, labor with team,	45 57
" G. P. Wellington, work on Doolittle bridge,	9 75
" " " labor, lumber, &c.,	26 69
" L. F. Liscom, labor with team,	119 74
" " " claying and hardening, &c.,	81 55
" " " plank for bridges,	30 85
" " " inspecting bridge,	2 00
" C. A. Mason, labor on Doolittle bridge,	48 00
" " " plank and railing,	65 97
" " " labor and teams,	213 58
" Frenchman, shoveling gravel, &c.,	9 50
" L. A. Parks, lumber, &c., depot bridge,	8 40
" George Crowninshield, breaking roads,	1 90
" William Royce, labor,	4 50
" John Hanrahan, gravel, clay, &c.,	10 00
" Repairs on picks, bars and scraper,	2 28

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\$1741 58



PAID FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR AND ASSISTANCE  
EXTENDED.

Paid for Eri Elmore,	\$107 60
" " John Scott,	80 45
" " Eliza Burroughs,	59 00
" " keeping tramps and transients,	3 00
" " Cyrena Doolittle,	50 00
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	\$300 05

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for Mr. Paradeux,	\$8 00
" " J. H. Blake,	1 50
" " Joseph Paradeux, (W. S. L.),	11 50
" " Peter Vinault, (M. C. D.),	19 12
" " M. Cunningham, " " "	20 00
" " J. Paradeux, " " "	25 75
" " Mr. " "	10 00
" " Mr. Cunningham, " " "	7 50
" " " " "	3 50
" " " " "	5 25
" " " " (L. A. L.),	9 34
" " " " (W. S. L.),	28 25
" " Mrs. Paradeux, " " "	5 00
" " John Young, " " "	14 25
" " Currier Family, " " "	25 00
" " John Young, (M. C. D.),	2 75
" " M. Cunningham, " " "	30 50
" " Watching and care of Barney Cannon to D. M. Cole,	22 50
" " Mrs. Hannon for board of Barney Cannon,	44 50
" " M. C. Dix for medical attendance of Bar- ney Cannon,	53 00
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	\$347 21

## STREET LAMPS.

Paid D. L. Perham,	\$19 35
“ Leonard & Knapp furnishing oil and lighting,	264 47
“ For new lamps, chimneys, &c.,	36 11
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	\$319 93

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Extraordinary expenses, as per report,	\$772 47
“ Ordinary expense as per report,	389 78
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	\$1162 25

## TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid expenses as per report,	\$77 41
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Henry R. Vaille, Jr., Selectman,	\$150 00
“ D. W. Stearns, “	70 00
“ Geo. P. Wellington, “	70 00
“ G. W. Holland, Town Clerk,	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ Treasurer,	25 00
“ Arad Gilbert, Policeman,	25 00
“ W. D. Whittaker, “	20 00
“ M. C. Dix, Sup't Schools,	37 50
“ “ “ “ “ High School,	8 00 45 50
“ E. H. Wellington, Collector,	89 00
“ H. H. Hamilton, Sup't Schools,	37 50
“ “ “ “ “ High School,	8 00 45 50
“ H. R. Vaille, Jr., Overseer Poor,	15 00
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	\$605 00

TAXES ILLEGALLY ASSESSED, ABATED AND  
SUSPENDED.

## ILLEGALLY ASSESSED.

Geo. H. Alexander,	\$2 00
Wm. Callahan,	2 22
E. V. Aldrich,	1 70



	Asa Emory,	1	76	
	C. E. Frary,	2	42	
	S. Hines,	1	70	
	Willis Leonard,	1	70	
	C. H. Newcomb,	2	98	
	F. O. Packard,	1	73	
	L. Perham,	1	70	
	P. Griffin,	5	10	
	Ellis Stearns,	1	70	
				\$26 71
ABATED.	E. G. Blackmer,	1	73	
	Chester Martin,	2	42	
	Frank Miner,	1	70	
	J. Bodway,	1	70	
	Joseph Shavalia,	2	42	
				\$9 97
SUSPENDED.	G. L. Bradshaw,	1	95	
	L. J. Graves,	2	73	
	James Hayes,	2	42	
	Frank Holton,	2	42	
	Zui Porey,	1	73	
	E. H. Sawtell,	7	26	
	H. E. Taft,	1	70	
	John Vignault,	2	42	
	E. L. Walker,	4	45	
				\$27 08
				\$63 76
OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.				
	Balance due for dog money, 1880,		29	00
	School Dist. No. 9,		446	25
	“ “ 6,		105	08
	Literary Fund, 1880,		126	17
	Savings Bank tax, 1880,		941	77
	Balance due Fire Department of amount raised for Reservoirs,		600	00
	Balance due Fire Department account, hose, &c., unexpended,		427	53
	Bonded debt of town on Town Hall,		24000	00
	Amount due Library as per report,		252	05
				\$26927 85

## ASSETS, MARCH 1, 1881.

Due from County :		
For John Young,		2 75
“ M. Cunningham,		30 50
“ Barney Cannon,		120 00
“ Rent of Armory Hall,		75 00
“ Savings Bank fund, 1878—1879,		1354 45
“ Interest accrued,		67 55
Amount in treasury,		2903 30
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		\$4553 55
Liabilities,	\$26927 85	
Assets,	4553 55	22374 30
Less Savings Bank tax,		941 77
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Total Indebtedness,		\$21432 53

## RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL RECEIPTS,	20026 93
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## EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous,	\$6443 45
Schools and School Houses,	6062 99
Highways, &c.,	1741 58
Town Paupers,	300 05
County Paupers,	347 21
Street Lamps, &c.,	319 93
Fire Department,	1162 25
Town Library,	77 41
Town Officers,	605 00
Taxes Abated,	9 97
“ Suspended,	27 08
“ Illegally Assessed,	26 71
Amount in Treasury,	2903 30

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## REMARKS.

A petition has been presented to the Selectmen for a new highway leading to Brattleboro, over the bridges, &c., but it was not thought advisable to take any action in the matter.

The appropriation for Reservoirs has not been used for the purpose designed, and still remains in the treasury. Investigation was made and as no satisfactory terms could be made as to the land for same, it was considered for the interest of the Town to do nothing about it, and await better and possibly other developments.

We would call your attention to the article in the warrant in relation to the question now prominent as regards a new highway to and across the River, at a point called Coopers' Point, and trust it will have careful consideration.

We would recommend to be raised for current expenses, for the ensuing year, in addition to the amount required to be raised by law :

Town charges,	\$1500 00
Common schools,	500 00
High school,	1500 00
Highways,	1500 00
Claying and hardening,	500 00
Fire department,	200 00
Lighting streets,	300 00
Interest on town bonds,	1200 00
Town library,	300 00

All the above report we respectfully submit.

HENRY R. VAILLE, JR.,	} Selectmen of Hinsdale.
DWIGHT W. STEARNS,	
GEO. P. WELLINGTON,	

# SCHOOL REPORTS.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPT'G SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

### *Parents and Guardians:—*

In accordance with our usual custom, and in compliance with the laws of the State, we herewith place before you our Annual Report of the schools of the town for the past year :

### NO. 1.—RIVER DISTRICT.

H. F. Horton, George C. S. Smith, Charles Thomas, Prudential Committee. Miss Amelia Butterfield, teacher first term : Miss S. E. Bennett, teacher second term ; Mr. Harry Stearns, teacher third term.

#### FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11 ; No. of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, 16 ; No. of visits, 5 ; wages per month, \$19.

#### SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 8 ; No. of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 17 ; visits, 2 ; wages per month, \$22.

The third term of this school is now in session, consequently the statistical items cannot be given, but in place thereof your committee desire to say that, in their judgment, the school is second to none in town as regards its discipline, and the accuracy of its instruction.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Minnie Lamson, Nellie M. Wilber, Eva L. Yeaw, Walter Burnham, Roy H. Lamson, William H. Pettee. Second term, Nellie M. Wilber, Walter Burnham.



## No. 2.—ASH SWAMP.

Olcott B. Tyler, Prudential Committee. Miss Clara Smith, teacher for the year.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 8; No. of scholars, 7; average attendance, 6.92; tardy, 0; visits, 5; wages per month, \$15.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 10; average attendance, 7.66; tardy, 0; visits, 3; wages per month, \$17.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Arthur Streeter, Fred. E. Newcomb; for the year, Mary M. Thomas, Gracia B. Thomas.

## No. 3.—CHESTNUT HILL.

E. G. Horton, Prudential Committee; Miss Edda E. Stearns, teacher first term; Miss Emma F. Wellman, teacher second term

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14.29; tardy, 0; visits, 18; wages per month, \$23.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 15; average attendance, 12; tardy, 15; visits, 15; wages per month, \$23.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Bessie K. Mason, Frank Mason.

## UNION AND No. 8.—GRADED SCHOOL.

H. R. Vaille, Jr., H. M. Jones, Prudential Committee.

## UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Lottie A. Bowker, teacher for the year.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 40; average attendance, 38.5; tardy, 36; visits, 39; wages per month, \$28.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 40; average attendance, 32.8; tardy, 28; visits, 51; wages per month, \$28.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 37; average attendance, 32.6; tardy, 27; visits, 60; wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Blanche Emory, Cora Savage, Edith Shaw, Josie Bailey, Bernice Howe, Nellie Pearson, Estella Spencer, Herman Shaw, George Day, Daniel McCaughern, Robert McCaughern, George E. Robertson, Patsey Carroll. Second term, Fannie Newton, Bernice Howe, George E. Robertson, Lotin Newcomb, Josie Bailey, Jane Young. Third term, Lena B. Dennison, Minnie Knapp, Lotin Newcomb, Robert McCaughern, Henry M. Britton, Leon S. Hale, Albert B. Dennison, Merrill B. Wilder, Charles E. Hunter. For the year, Addie Gilmore, Ella Gilmore, Annie Ploude, Patsey Carroll.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Nellie A. Stearns, teacher for the year.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 51; average attendance, 38.6; tardy, 18; visits, 10; wages per month, \$28.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 38; average attendance, 28.3; tardy, 13; visits, 10; wages per month, \$28.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 43; average attendance, 35.5; tardy, 29; visits, 13; wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Nellie Donovan, Rosa Hannon, Una Leach, Sarah Pearson, Eugene Cutler, Harry Lewis, Julius Mason, Burton Perry. Second term, Maud Lamson. Third term, Ruth Bacon, Harry Smith, Burton Perry, Charles Leonard, Harry Lewis, Fred. Barrett. For the year, Tressie Corliss, George Vaille, Eugene Britton.



## UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Mrs. Martha L. Stearns, teacher, first and second terms; Miss Clara A. Billings taught the first seven weeks of the third term, the remainder of the term, four weeks, being taught by Miss Hattie Lyman.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 27; average attendance, 22; tardy, 19; visits, 34; wages per month, \$28.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 35; average attendance, 29; tardy, 15; visits, 47; wages per month, \$32.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 35; average attendance, 30.8; tardy, 15; visits, 57; wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, May Merriman, Mabel Hunter, Nellie G. Britton, Elwin Bailey, Luke Mann, Clesson Spencer, Walter A. Saben, William R. Howe, Ivan D. Merriman, Ora Streeter. Second term, May L. Merriman, Mabel Hunter, Nellie Pearson, Nellie G. Britton, Elwin Bailey, Edith Shaw, Daniel McCaughern, Walter A. Saben, Ora Streeter. Third term, Cora Savage, Jennie Graney, Bessie Mason, Jere Graney, Joseph Kennedy, Frank Mason, Daniel McCaughern, Clesson Spencer. For the year, Emmet Cunningham, Mark Mann, Fred Colton.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Cora B. Hubbard, teacher first term; Miss Madara C. Vaille, teacher second and third terms.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 39; average attendance, 34; tardy, 9; visits, 4; wages per month, \$28.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 42; average attendance, 37.6; tardy, 65; visits, 8; wages per month, \$28.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 41; average attendance, 38; tardy, 31; visits, 25; wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Clarence N. Bacon, Oramel S. Bickford, Harry E. Clark, Thomas Donohue, Henry D. Hannon, Patsey C. Welch, Janie B. Graney, Mabel F. Barrett, Minnie J. Snow, Carrie R. Clark, Kate Corliss, Elvina King, Josie Day, Grace M. Fales, Belle S. Hannon. Second term, Fred Cole, Nellie Britton, Patsey C. Welch, Kate Corliss, Minnie Snow, Julius Mason, Una Leach. Third term, Belle Hannon, Henry Hannon, John Perham, Julius Mason, Una Leach, Rosa Hannon, Mabel Barrett. For the year, Annie L. Smith.

## GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. M. H. Keyes, teacher first term; Miss Phila A. Knight, teacher second and third terms.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 51; average attendance, 47.8; tardy, 6; visits, 33; wages per month, \$36.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 40; average attendance, 30.6; tardy, 32; visits, 14, wages per month, \$36.

## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 35; average attendance, 30.8; tardy, 13; visits, 23; wages per month, \$36.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Minnie S. Black, Mary Mason, Maggie Fitzgerald, Genie M. Shaw, Ella S. Snow, Alice M. Roberts, Edwin Pearson, Edward K. Hall, William O'Brien, George A. Holland, George A. Bacon, Edward Cooper, Millie Hanrahan, Fred A. Jeffords, Willis D. Stearns, Jessie Hubbard. Second term, Nattie Bartlett, Jason Crowninshield, George Perry. Third term, George Bacon, Nattie Bartlett, Jason Crowninshield, Fred Fisk, George Perry. For the year, Alice M. Spencer, William H. Davenport, Fred C. Davis.

## No. 6.—SOUTH DISTRICT.

There has been no school in this District during the past year. Arrangements were made with the officers of the Graded District whereby the pupils of No. 6 might enter the school and be assigned to such classes as their several needs seemed to require. Four pupils availed themselves of this privilege, and, we trust, with profit to all concerned.

## No. 7.—PLAIN DISTRICT.

Joel Martin, Prudential Committee ; Miss Laura A. Hartwell, teacher first term ; Miss Amelia D. Taft, teacher second term.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 10 ; No. of scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 25.3 ; tardy, 0 ; visits, 23 ; wages per month, \$16.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 9 ; No. of scholars, 26 ; average attendance, 21.2 ; tardy, 4 ; visits, 13 ; wages per month, \$13.

ROLL OF HONOR.—First term, Drusilla Crowninshield, Esther Crowninshield, Grace Darling, Orrissia Howe, Fannie Smith, Cora Tomb, Warner Barrett, John Barrett, Grant Barrett, Fred Darling, Sidney Darling, Nelson Richardson, Edward Tomb. Second term, Emma Crowninshield. For the year, Dora Smith, Minnie Streeter, Julia Streeter, George Streeter.

## No. 9.—ADAMS' DISTRICT.

Mrs. George Slate, Prudential Committee ; Miss Adelia M. Barrows, teacher first term ; Anna C. Randall, teacher second and third terms.

## FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 12 ; No. of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 8 ; tardy, 16 ; visits, 4 ; wages per month, \$20.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12 ; No. of scholars, 9 ; average attendance, 7.8 ; tardy, 28 ; visits, 4 ; wages per month, \$20.



## THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 9; average attendance, 7.4; tardy, 40; visits, 5; wages per month, \$22.

WHOLE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS, AND NON-  
ATTENDANCE.

The Selectmen reported to your Committee, in the month of April, 1880, the whole number of scholars in town between the ages of five and fifteen years, to be 301; boys, 153; girls, 148. We also report the whole number of scholars in town, not less than five years of age, who have attended the district schools of the town not less than two weeks during the year, to be 312. The whole number of pupils between five and fifteen years, who have not attended school the number of weeks required by law, is 17. This item is taken from the school registers, but we conclude that it is approximately correct.

## ATTENDANCE UPON EACH STUDY.

No. 1.—Reading, 19; spelling, 19; writing, 13; arithmetic, 15; geography, 14; grammar, 5; history, 3.

No. 2.—Reading, 10; spelling, 10; writing, 8; arithmetic, 8; geography, 6.

No. 3.—Reading, 15; spelling, 15; writing, 9; arithmetic, 11; geography, 9; grammar, 2.

No. 7.—Reading, 27; spelling, 27; writing, 14; arithmetic, 18; geography, 12; grammar, 6; history, 1.

No. 9.—Reading, 10; spelling, 10; writing, 9; arithmetic, 10; geography, 7.

## GRADED SCHOOL.

## UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Reading, 40; spelling, 40; writing, 20; arithmetic, 22; geography, 14.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Reading, 51; spelling, 51; writing, 30; arithmetic, 22; geography, 11.

## UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Reading, 35 ; spelling, 35 ; writing, 35 ; arithmetic, 35 ; geography, 35.

## BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Reading, 43 ; spelling, 43 ; writing, 43 ; arithmetic, 43 ; geography, 43.

## GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Reading, 50 ; spelling, 50 ; writing, 48 ; arithmetic, 51 ; geography, 51 ; grammar, 49.

## CHANGE OF TEXT-BOOKS.

Our schools, from time immemorial, have been poorly supplied with material for an adequate geographical knowledge of our own State. Until quite recently, no text-book upon Geography, suitable for the school-room, could be found that gave a *special prominence* to any portion of the habitable globe. The result of this was, that our pupils acquired as much information from the text-book about the interior of Africa, or the plains of Siberia, as they did of the lakes and rivers of New Hampshire.

Believing that our boys and girls might be benefited by a more extended knowledge of the geography of their own State, and its immediate vicinity, your committee thought best to place in the schools of the town Warren's Common School Geography, of the edition of 1880. This book not only contains the latest boundaries of the political divisions of Europe and South America, but also a *special* geography of New England, and this special feature is in addition to the body of the work, as formerly published. Any parent who will take the time to examine and compare the two editions, will perceive that where formerly but one column was devoted to the description of New Hampshire, *now* there are *six* columns given to the same subject ; also, he will find that what is here stated of our own State, is equally applicable to the rest of New England. Every town of the New England States is delineated upon a distinct and separate State map,—the map of Massachusetts, or of Maine, alone being worth many times more than the cost of exchange, which was sixty cents.

Your committee feel that in placing this edition in the hands of our pupils, a decided advancement in the knowledge of our local geography may reasonably be expected.

## GOVERNMENT.

Good government in our schools is necessary to success. "Order is heaven's first law;" and it is no more essential to the harmony of heaven than to the success of all human government, whether in the State or the sphere of the school.

Government in the State is for the general good, for the benefit of the governed as well as for the ruler. Government in our schools is for the good of all concerned, teachers, pupils, parents and all members of society. Some honest statesmen have felt that "the world is governed too much;" none ought to feel, however, that it is governed too well. The same as regards schools, they must be governed well. There must be good order to have them successful. Instruction, indeed, is the *main business* of the teacher, but good order is essential to its accomplishment, it is a means to this great end. The teacher who can, with the most ease, most successfully govern, will, all other things being equal, secure the best results. Order being easily secured, his time and strength are used to teach. If there is disorder in the school-room, of course many of the pupils are engaged in it, hence there will be but little study on their part, and those who are disposed to study will be interrupted. There will be but little advancement by all members of the school. Also, disorder in a school-room produces a spirit of insubordination which is *already* too potent in our schools and in society. We therefore emphasize the importance of orderly schools and urge our teachers to secure the same. To accomplish this, we, of course, believe all methods of moral suasion should be used. But we must further say that the teacher, if necessary, should resort to punishment; even to corporal punishment. While we do not, for an instant countenance or sanction *brutality*, we do believe the infliction of *just* punishment is essential.



We feel, furthermore, that many of our teachers are restricted by a growing public sentiment that punishment in our schools must be very light, if tolerated at all. We deprecate this increasing sentiment of extreme clemency. Its evil results are not only seen in our schools, but in society, the state and the nation. When penalties for wrong-doing shall be removed from our schools, there will be a still stronger pressure to have them removed from the statute-books of judicial, state and national authority. For the public and private good we cannot afford to encourage such a tendency.

### THE CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

No one can be expected to be so interested in the good of children as parents. They desire to have their children under the best influences. It is their wish to have them so educated as to develop their powers for good. In the school their minds are developed and their character moulded. The teacher is in a position to wield a great power. He can produce great results. He has the training of the human mind at a time when permanent impressions are made. If he rightly instructs, and is faithful, he will produce an effect for good as lasting as the human mind. If not, an evil effect will be equally lasting. Parents have a right to know what the instruction is, and what progress is made. They are invited to be present and judge for themselves. There is no mystery in the school-room. Teachers are glad to see the parents. They are not the natural enemies of their pupils, or those interested in their pupils. They are their friends. They desire the co-operation of all when they do well.

We therefore submit to the earnest thought of all parents the following considerations: 1st. You are not only invited, but we regard it your duty to visit the schools. It is a duty you owe not only to the pupils, but the teacher and all concerned. You ought to do this several times during the term and not simply at the close. You watch closely the builder as he erects your house or mill. You also should inspect carefully the work of those who help to build the structure of

your children's life and character. Having visited the schools regularly you are in a position to judge as regards their merits and demerits. We believe if this were done more, and less credence given to flying rumors, as regards our schools, it would be a great blessing to all. Come often and see for yourselves how and with what success your children are taught.

2d. It is not only in accordance with the rules of etiquette but your duty to form the acquaintance of our teachers. You will thus be prepared to give kind advice as regards your children and receive the same. If this were done, many difficulties in connection with our schools would be prevented, and when any should occur easily adjusted.

3d. Show a sympathy for the teacher in his perplexities, and encourage him in his efforts to do well. Do this rather than show indifference in his presence, and in the presence of others cast reflections upon him and his school. When good work has been done, say so—it will help.

4th. Teach your children to obey the just rules of the school-room. It is not necessary to say that in order to have children observe proper decorum in school, they must be governed at home; this is a self-evident truth.

5th. Enthuse in your children a desire for knowledge. The teacher, of course, should do this; so should the parent. If it is done there will not only be success in acquiring knowledge, but good behavior. There will be no disposition or time for mischief in school or out. Every energy will be bent to excel in the several studies.

6th. During the term encourage your children to attend to their studies. While the schools are in session, *study* is the business of the pupil. *He should attend to it.* He should be guarded from the many attractions calculated to engage his thoughts and divert his attention. Proper recreation and exercise are demanded; but dissipation, always bad, is ruinous to the student, both as regards his studies and health.



He has no time or strength for doubtful amusements. He should keep good hours, and retire early. As a rule, it is not faithful and systematic study that impairs health, but exhaustion caused by keeping late hours, and enjoying, to excess, the pleasures of society.

We ask that the above suggestions have the careful thought and practical effort of all parents.

H. H. HAMILTON,

M. C. DIX,

*Superintending School Committee.*

# HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

The report of last year closed with the record of the second term, second years' work. The statistics which follow, are given upon the same plan as that employed in giving similar items of the district schools. The wages of teachers are found in the report of the Prudential Committee.

## THIRD TERM—SECOND YEAR.

No. of weeks, 12 ; No. of Scholars, 53 ; Boys, 23 ; Girls, 30 ; Average daily attendance 51.6 ; Tardy, 45 ; Visits, 9.

## FIRST TERM—THIRD YEAR.

No. of weeks, 12 ; No. of Scholars, 58 ; Boys, 28 ; Girls, 30 ; Average daily attendance 54.2 ; Tardy, 35 ; Visits, 8.

## SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12 ; No. of Scholars, 54 ; Boys, 26 ; Girls, 28 ; Average daily attendance 50.3 ; Tardy, 85 ; Visits, 42.

Roll of Honor:—First term, 20 ; Second term, 25 ; Third term, 10 ; for the year Fred S. Leonard, Charles E. Snow, Lizzie M. Atwood, Nellie M. Hannon, Mary A. Spencer.

## COURSE OF STUDY.

CLASS.	<i>First Year.</i>	<i>Second do.</i>	<i>Third do.</i>	<i>Fourth do.</i>
Mathematics.	Arithmetic.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Geometry.
Nat. Science.		Phys. Geog. Physiology.	Zoology. Botany.	Philoso'y. Chemistry
History.	United States.		English. Constu'n of U. S.	Universal.
Literature.	Students' Reader.	Students' Reader.	Reading with Rhetoric.	Eng. with Study of Authors.
Language.	Grammar.	Analysis, Latin.	Rhetoric, Caesar.	Virgil.

Spelling and Rhetorical exercises throughout the course. Writing during the winter term. Students who take the English course may be excused from Latin; those who take the Classical course may be excused from the sciences of the last year.

In order that you might have a clear understanding of the special work of the school, it was thought best that Principal Hall should present to your committee in writing some suggestions pertaining to the more important wants of the department as observed from his position as teacher. His report meeting with approval, and withal being so pertinent and explicit, we give it entire, as follows :

#### TO THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN :—

In accordance with your wishes, I beg leave to submit the following report of the High School for the year just closing.

I think that the School has accomplished a good years' work, although the average attendance has not been as great as last year. Some of the classes have not done as well as they might, had we been able to have a permanent assistant. It is to be hoped that provision will be made for one before the beginning of the next term. There is a necessity for this that did not exist at the opening of the school, since each new class that enters calls for so many more recitations, and so much more time. This will continue until the first class is graduated, in June 1882. Several pupils have left during the year to work in the mills, or elsewhere. This is to be deplored, since they are just at a place in their school-work where a few more terms of active effort would be of untold advantage.

The efficiency of the school has been impaired by the various outside attractions, which have unfitted pupils for study and in some cases taken away a desire for it. This is a time when school-going is their *business*, and things which keep them from a right discharge of it, either by late hours or undue excitement, should be guarded against.



Fewer of the parents have visited the school, and especially this term, than heretofore. The real work of a school can be much better seen in its every-day garb, than in its good clothes for an examination. "The cattle on a thousand hills are more carefully looked after than the dear children in school."

The following moneys have been received:—

School entertainment, last March,	\$30 95	
Lecture course, this season,	74 50	
Exchange entertainment with Keene		
High School,	43 95	
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Of this there has been expended:

For Bancroft's U. S. History,	\$10 80	
“ Metric Boards,	3 80	
“ “ Weights,	4 33	
“ Scales,	3 60	
“ Microscope Slides,	3 00	
“ “ Scissors,	1 50	
“ “ Condenser,	2 50	
“ Lippincott's Gazetteer,	9 00	
“ Tenney's Zoology,	1 43	
“ Green's English People,	1 50	
“ Shells and Coral,	6 50	
“ Singing Books,	70	
“ Black-board,	3 50	52 16
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Balance,		\$97 24

This balance will be expended during the Spring vacation for philosophical apparatus, natural history specimens and books for the library. We have also received from Hon. C. J. Amidon, a copy of the Constitution and Laws of New Hampshire, and from Ivison, Blakeman & Co., publishers, Townshend's "Analysis of Civil Government."

Thus you see that we are accumulating a collection of helps in our school work, of which many older schools cannot boast.

Very Respectfully Yours,  
C. P. HALL,  
Principal High School.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The Principal of the High School has given us his yearly Report which we accept and publish. We commend it to the careful consideration of the citizens of the town. We heartily agree with the suggestions he has made, especially that a regular assistant be procured. The work accumulates as new classes enter. It is simply impossible for one teacher to thoroughly instruct the several classes in so many studies. There is an absolute necessity for an assistant who can devote her whole time and effort to the school. We therefore recommend that sufficient money be appropriated for this purpose. We also particularly call the attention of parents to the statement as regards the injurious effect of outside attractions upon the studies of the last term. This ought not to continue.

We believe the school is doing a good work. Its good results are already seen in many cases of proficient scholarship, in the good advancement of most in their studies, and especially in the improvement in the *general bearing* of all.

We ask for it the interest and effort of all, that it may do even better work in the future.

H. H. HAMILTON,

M. C. DIX,

High School Committee.

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 REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AGENT.

1880. Received of L. Fales, Agent, 1879, \$29 40

“ from the Town, 1300 00

“ for tuition, 12 00

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\$1341 40

Paid J. B. Mitchell, for water cooler,	\$3 60
“ “ “ for wash dish,	60
“ “ “ for broom and pails, &c.,	1 75
“ “ “ for drinking cup and hooks,	24
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	\$6 19
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“ J. H. Henry, for cabinet,	\$13 44
“ L. A. Parks, for sink,	3 50
“ On account of organ,	20 00
“ Hunter & Co., for crayons, &c.,	5 06
“ L. A. Lamson, box crayon,	18
“ Leonard and Henry, printing,	1 00
“ Assistant Teachers,	67 00
“ C. P. Hall,	1000 00
“ Rent of school-rooms,	150 00
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	\$1266 37
“ For care school-room,	4 00
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	\$1270 37
To cash on hand,	\$70 43

C. S. FAY, Agent for High School.



# REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Town Library present the following report:

Appropriation,	\$400 00
Received for fines and catalogues,	19 10
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	\$419 10

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Librarian,	\$50 00	
“ History Walpole,	2 38	
“ One book,	2 00	
“ Magazines,	19 35	
“ Lamp,	65	
Deduct amount overdrawn last year,	89 64	
Paid George W. Holland, sundries,	3 03	
Leaving in hands of Treasurer,	252 05	
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Now available for use,	\$419 10	\$419 10

Your committee say further, that while few additions of books have been made to the Library the past year, we have prepared a list of several hundred volumes, largely new works, which it is proposed to purchase as soon as possible after your appropriation for the coming year becomes available. This, with the balance now on hand, will make a great improvement, not only in the number of volumes, but in the quality, as we hope. As the new books will all have to be catalogued, the expense will be much less proportionately for a large number, than if purchased at different times and catalogued separately.

We believe the interest in our Library is well maintained, that whilst there is a large number of books regularly taken, yet a large proportion are of the lighter class of literature, while many of the more solid works bear little evidence of perusal. A good Library "is the true university of these days," and the importance of "cherishing these aids to civilization" cannot be overestimated. What to read, and how to read, are pertinent questions. We should not read for pleasure alone, but to so cultivate the mind as will aid it to attain the widest scope in reason and thought.

GEO. S. WILDER,	}	Library Committee.
W. S. LEONARD,		
C. J. AMIDON,		

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## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

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The Board of Fire Engineers, for the Town of Hinsdale, submit the following report:

Appropriation, extra, March, 1880,	\$1200 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid for 1000 feet extra Linen Hose,	\$690 00
“ “ New Suction Hose for Engine,	67 80
“ “ 41 ½ gals. Paraffine Oil for Hose,	11 21
“ “ Freight on Hose,	2 34
“ “ “ “ Oil,	1 12

Balance in hands of Town Treasurer, available for building or repairing Engine

House,	427 53
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\$1200 00	\$1200 00
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## ORDINARY EXPENDITURES.

Paid George W. Holland, for Oil and Sundries,	\$4 05
“ Dr. Lamson, 1 gallon Oil,	1 75
“ C. D. Whitaker, Truckage,	50
“ One 2 gallon Can,	50
“ G. H. Bailey, Tallow,	48
“ T. Hannon, keeping fires at Engine House Sundays,	5 00
“ 28 Hosemen salary, \$3 00 each,	84 00
“ 28 “ 271 hours work,	64 75
“ 45 Engine men salary, \$3 00 each,	132 00
“ 45 “ “ 363 hours work,	96 75
Total,	<hr/> \$389 78

There were appointed for service as Engine and Hosemen, the past year, 78 men, 73 of whom performed service as per vouchers in hands of Selectmen, and are entitled to pay. In regard to the appropriation for Hose, and repairing or building new Engine House, we would say: While we have purchased the Hose, as contemplated, we have done nothing as regards building or repairing the present house, from the fact, we believed if we expended the money on the present building, it would not, when completed, meet the increasing needs of the Department, and as we were unable to procure a new or better location, we deemed it best for the money to remain in the hands of the Treasurer until more satisfactory arrangements could be made.

There have been five alarms of fire the past year that have called out the Department. The first alarm was from a house owned by Mr. Hunter; was accidental, speedily extinguished, damage slight. The second alarm was on the night of April 6th, at the Worden block, which, but for its timely discovery, would have been disastrous. This was extinguished, though not without entailing considerable loss and discomfort to the occupants, and several hundred dollars damage to the building. This fire, though believed to be accidental, was no doubt the result of carelessness. The next alarm was occasioned by the explosion of the bleach at the paper-mill of



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Messrs. George & George A. Robertson; on this occasion, however, fire did not add to the disaster. The fourth alarm was at the dwelling-house of Patrick Raleigh, on the evening of December 3d, and was occasioned by the bursting of a kerosene lamp; speedily extinguished, damage light. The fifth, and last alarm, to date, was on the morning of December 16th, about one o'clock, and again in the Worden block. Much praise should be accorded to the employees in the Brightwood Paper-Mill for their prompt efforts in bringing two streams from their hydrant so quickly on to the fire, largely conducing to saving the property. The Department also quickly responded and the fire was soon subdued. The loss, though considerable, was not so severe as at the first fire. This fire, though accidental in its origin, was probably occasioned by explosion of coal gas from the stove in the billiard-room, as every appearance would indicate.

In conclusion, we desire to accord full merit to the members of the Department for their promptitude and energy on all occasions where their services have been required the past year; though not claiming anything for dress parade, yet for business, with such facilities as they have, we believe they are excelled by none.

C. J. AMIDON, Chief Engineer.

D. F. FERRIN,

C. S. FAY,

J. H. HENRY,

C. D. MERRIMAN,

} Assistant  
Engineers.





